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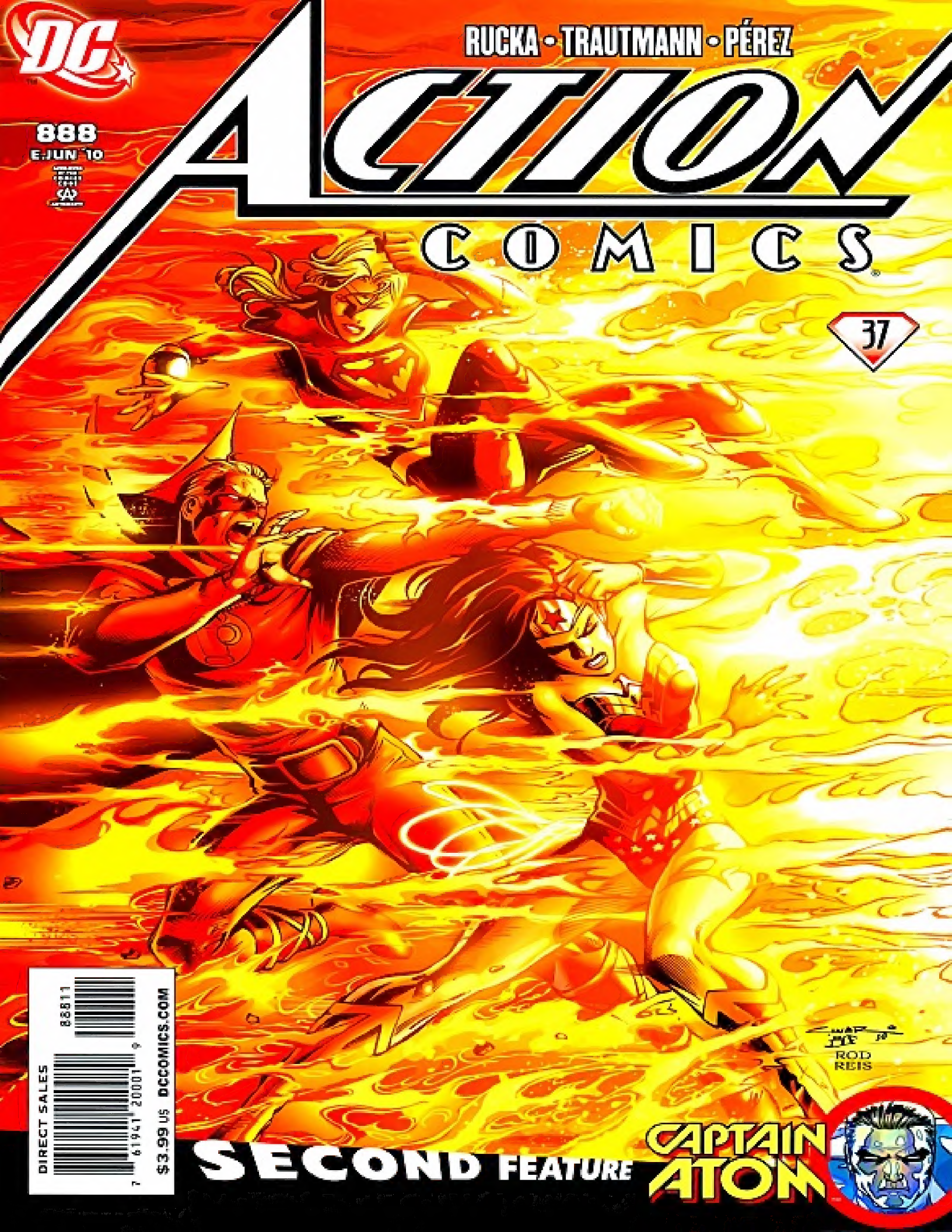
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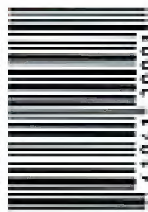
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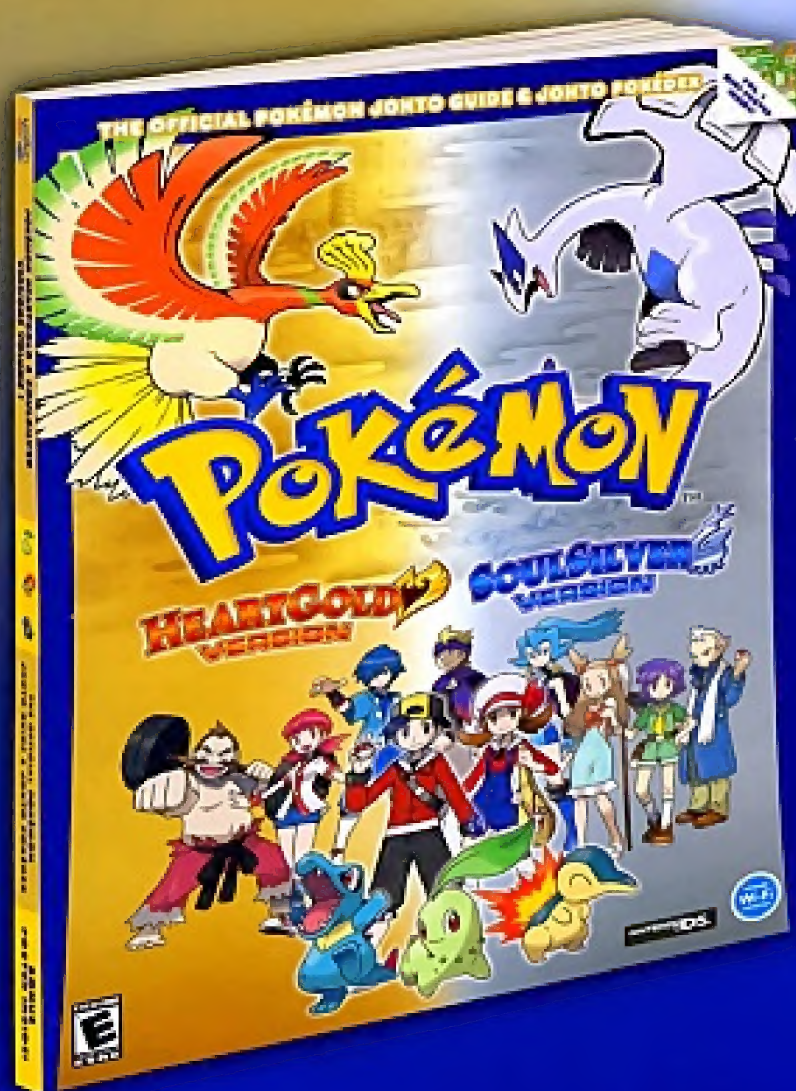
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PAKISTAN/KASHMIR BORDER REGION.

IT IS MY
NATURE.

THIS IS MY
MASTERPIECE.
MY FINEST WORK,
RENDERED ON A
CANVAS OF
MISERY.





HER MISERY.

CHRIS!
DAMN YOU,
JAX-UR...

...GIVE HIM
BACK.

THE
FLAMEBIRD,
THE ARCHITECT
OF MY OWN
SUFFERING.

NOT POOR THARA AK-VAR,
THE PATHETIC SHELL OF
MEAT THAT STRUGGLES TO
THWART THE WILL OF GODS.

THE FLAMEBIRD, THE
MISGUIDED SPIRIT THAT
RIDES THARA LIKE A
BEAST OF BURDEN.



IT WAS THE FLAMEBIRD
WHO DESTROYED MY
IMPERFECT FAITH SO THAT A
BETTER ONE MIGHT GROW.

FOR THAT, SHE
HAS MY LOVE.

ZZZZZAK
ZZZZZAK



AND FOR
THAT, SHE
SHALL SUFFER
UNIMAGINABLE
TORMENT.



NNGHH!



AND SHE STILL
HAS SO VERY
FAR TO FALL.

GAH!



I AM VOHC-
THE-BREAKER.

HUFF
HUFF



THUS DO I WRITE THE
FIRST CHAPTER OF MY
NEW SCRIPTURE.

EASH,
KID.



AND THE FIRST
VERSE IS "LET
IT ALL BURN."

IT'S GOING
TO TAKE ALL
THE MUSCLE
WE'VE GOT
TO PUT THAT
THING DOWN.
WHERE'S
YOUR
PARTNER?

WHERE'S
NIGHTWING?

HE...

...HE'S
GONE.

HE'S
NEVER
COMING
BACK.

IF I'VE LEARNED ANYTHING
DOING THIS JOB, IT'S TO
NEVER SAY NEVER.

THAT, AND IF
YOU HIT THE BAD GUY
HARD ENOUGH, HE'S
GOING TO FALL
DOWN.

IT'S GONNA
OVER AGAIN.



THE CAVALRY'S ARRIVED.



HITTING HIM ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH.

I'M GOING TO BURN THIS ABOMINATION FROM THE FACE OF CREATION.

WAIT!



EASIER SAID THAN DONE.

I'VE BEEN LOOKING AT THE SATELLITE IMAGERY OF THIS THING.



IT KEEPS GETTING BIGGER.



NEVER SAY
NEVER

...YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND, JAN.
IT'S THE PHANTOM
ZONE...

...WHERE
URSA AND ZOO
MADE ME. IT'S
MY HOME...

WHERE'D
YOU COME FROM? PIECE
OF TRASH
FROM FORT
ROE?

BUT
YOU'RE SOLID,
LIKE ME. NOT A
GHOST...



...MY
PRISON.

IT'S
SO COLD, I'D
FORGOTTEN HOW
COLD...

...LIKE
ME...



PAKISTAN.

SO IT'S
GETTING BIGGER.
THAT MEANS THERE'S
MORE TO HIT.

NO, IT SHOULD
BE COLLAPSING
UNDER ITS OWN
WEIGHT.

PHYSICS SAYS
THIS THING CAN'T BE
STANDING THERE.

THAT THING
ISN'T A BEAST
OR A MONSTER,
MR. TERRIFIC. IT'S
A MOCKERY OF
MY PEOPLE'S
FAITH.



IT'S A PERVERSION
OF NATURE. EVEN YOUR
NATIVE FAUNA SENSE
IT AND FLEE.

IT EXISTS
TO IGNORE
NATURAL
LAW.

IT'S WORSE
THAN THAT. LOOK
WHERE WE ARE.

THIS SHOULD BE A
SOLENN MOMENT.



WATCHING THE
FIRST, TWITCHING
DEATH THROES
OF A FLAWED
UNIVERSE SHOULD
BE SOMBER.

WE'RE ON
THE BORDER
BETWEEN
INDIA AND
PAKISTAN.

JAX-UR
DROPPED US
INTO A NUCLEAR
CROSSFIRE.



AND YET,
LIKE A CHILD,
ALL I FEEL
IS A FIERCE
JOY.

COME,
"HEROES."

SCRABBLE
WITH ALL YOUR
MIGHT TO "FIX"
EVERYTHING.



LIBERATION, AS THE
FLAWED IMMUNE SYSTEM
OF A DYING HOST BODY
SPUTTERS AND FAILS.

AND WHEN
PAKISTAN LAUNCHES
ITS NUKES AT RAO,
INDIA WILL RESPOND
IN KIND.

WE'RE
STANDING
AT GROUND
ZERO.



« THE
ANIMALS »

« SENSE
SOMETHING WE
DON'T »

« WHO
SAYS I DON'T
SENSE IT »

« MISSILES ARE
FUELED »

LAUNCH CODES
RECEIVED »

ANTICIPATION,
HERE AT THE
BIRTH OF
SOMETHING
WONDERFUL.

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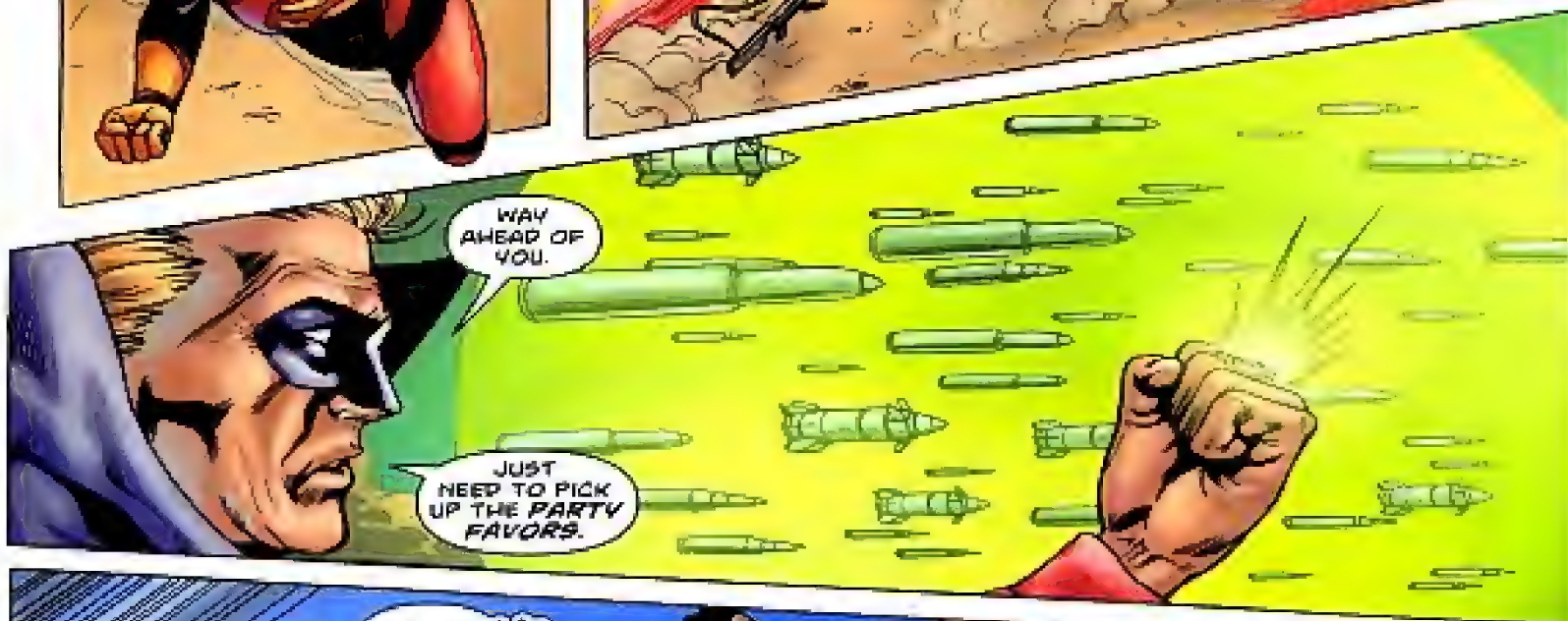
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...COLDER THAN I
REMEMBER...

...ALWAYS
COLD...

...SO COLD
HERE...

...WHY
CAN'T I GET
WARM?

BUT
WE KNOW
WHY.



IT IS ALWAYS
COLDER IN THE
SHADE, US.

ALWAYS
COOLER IN THE
DARKNESS OF
THE NIGHT.

BUT
WE HAVE BEEN
BROKEN A LONG
TIME. SOONS APART
FROM HER WARMTH,
WE SEEM TO
REMEMBER...

...PERHAPS
THAT IS WHY WE
HAVE FORGOTTEN
WHAT IT IS TO BE THE
NIGHTWING...

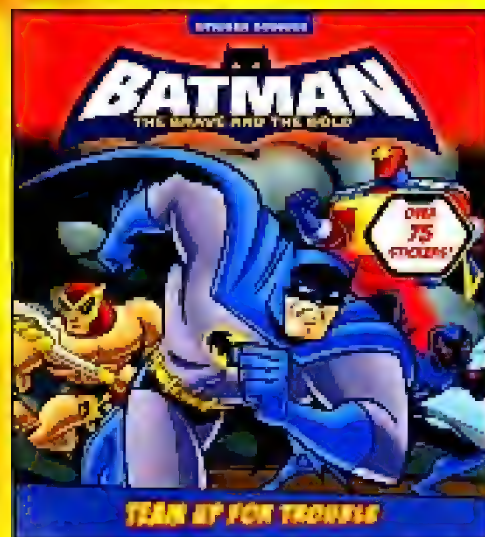


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I WILL NEVER
FORGET YOU,
CHILDREN

CALMLY,
LITTLE ONE.
BE AT
EASE.

THIS
INSANITY
WILL
END.



YOUR STRUGGLE
HONORS ME

BATTER
UP.



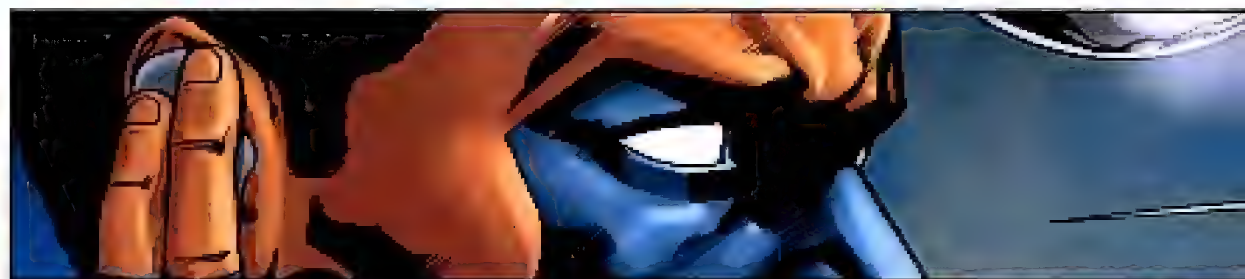
EVEN IF IT IS FUTILE. EVEN
THOUGH YOU RAGE AGAINST THE
PROPER ORDER OF ALL THINGS.

GGGRAH!

--END YOUR
INSANITY,
MONSTER--

YOU--
NNGH--CALL IT
INSANITY?

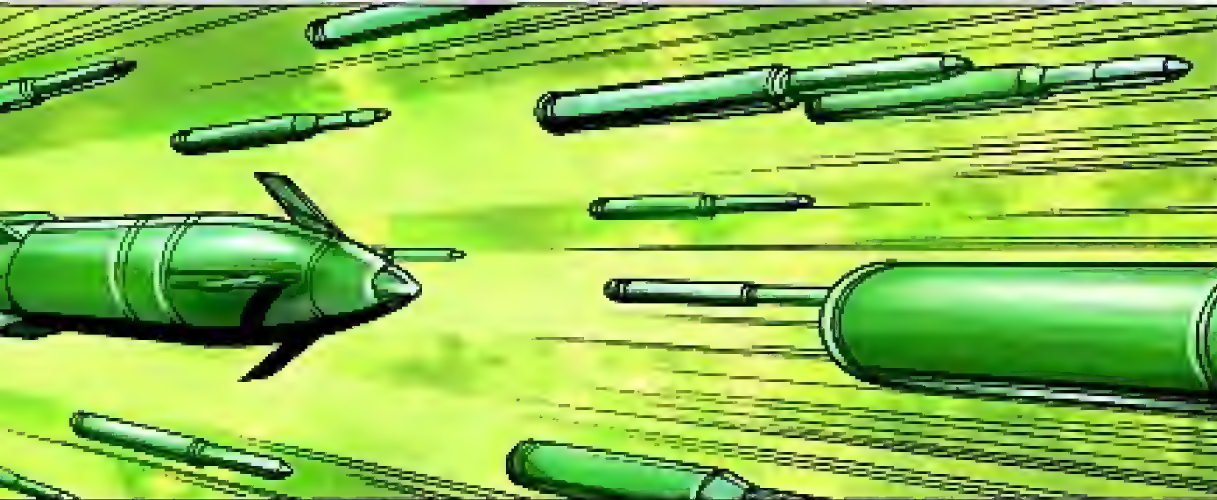
NOT
INSANITY. JUSTICE.
RETRIBUTION.



THAT IS THE TRAGEDY
OF YOUR EXISTENCE.

ALAN,
THEY'RE
PANICKING.
THEY'RE GOING
TO LAUNCH.

WE'RE
HITTING IT
AS HARD
AS WE CAN,
MICHAEL.



YOU DO THIS OUT
OF A LACK OF
COMPREHENSION

OUT OF
FEAR.

BA-WHOOM
KA-WHOOM
BA-WHOOM

YOUR MORTAL MINDS CANNOT BEGIN
TO ENCOMPASS THE SCOPE OF
INSULT AND INJUSTICE I HAVE BORNE.

DAMMIT.

NICE TRY,
BUT RAD DIDN'T
EVEN FLINCH.

« FORGIVE
US »

« READY FOR
LAUNCH »

« ALL MISSILES
FUELED »

« WE HAVE
AUTHORIZATION »

« INITIATE
COUNTDOWN »

AND WERE
I NOT ON
THE CUSP OF
ULTIMATE
VICTORY...

SO
NOW WOULD
BE A GOOD
TIME FOR A
MIRACLE.

I
PROMISE
YOU, MY
FRIEND...



I WOULD
WEEP
FOR YOU

THIS
ABOMINATION'S
RAMPAGE ENDS
HERE.

I KNOW GODS,
MONUNCULUS.

YOU ARE
NO GOD.

KKRUNCH

YOU
IGNORE THE
THREAT YOU
POSE TO THE
INNOCENTS
BELOW.

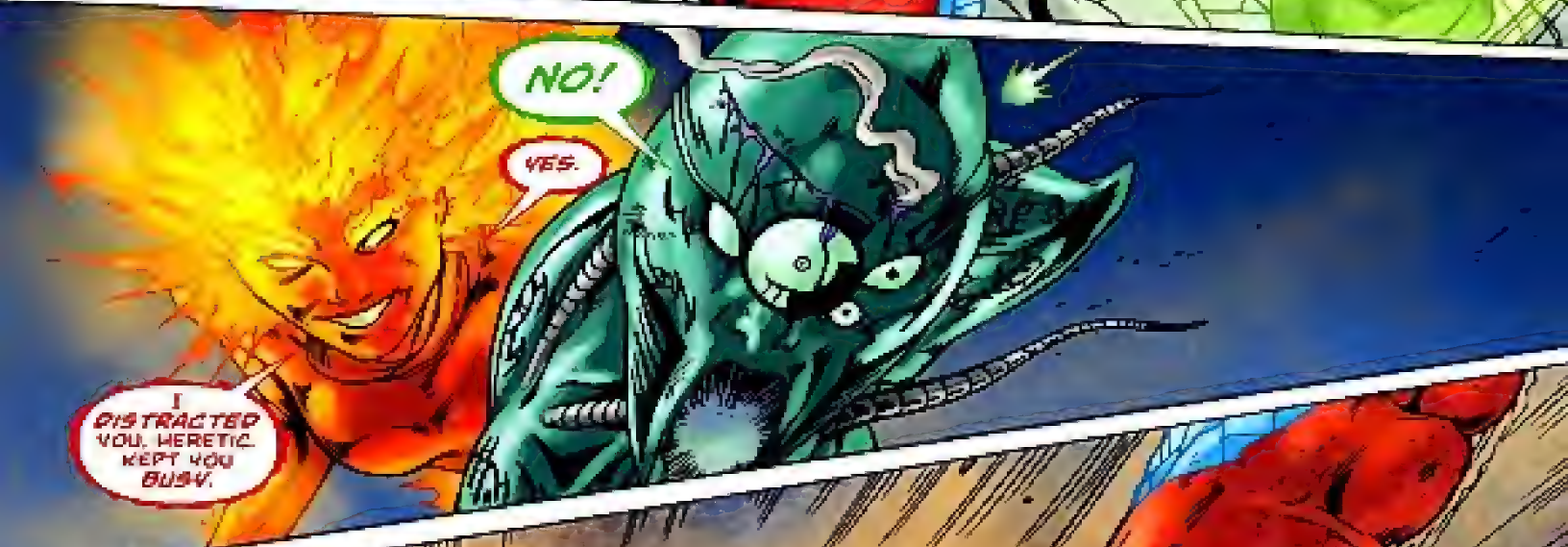
YOU
WILL NOT
IGNORE
ME.

THERE
IT IS.

SHE GOT
HIS ATTENTION.
NOW, ALAN!

HIT HIM
NOW!

--COME
ON--COME
ON. DAMN
YOU--





...DOWN
THEY'VE
BROUGHT HIM
DOWN!

THIS IS
NO LONGER
REPORTING FROM
THE BORDER
OF...

THEY
DID IT.

THEY
KILLED
RAO.



IT'S
GETTING UP
AGAIN.

WHY
IT DON'T
WORK!
HEH...

TO FALL
BACK AND
REGROUP...



THAT IS NOT
OUR FATHER, US.
ONLY OUR BROTHER
VOHC'S INSULT
TO HIM.

I KNOW
WHY YOU SAY
"US," WHY YOU
SAY "OURS."

BUT... I
DON'T FEEL IT.
I DON'T FEEL THE
BOND, I NEVER
HAVE.

WE ARE
MISTAKEN. WE
HAVE FELT IT
ALWAYS.

WE HAVE
ALWAYS BEEN
MORE THAN
KRYPTONIAN,
HAVE WE
NOT?

LESS,
YOU MEAN.

BECAUSE
OF BEING BORN
HERE, IN THE
PHANTOM
ZONE--

IT'S
ROUND!

CHARGES
FROM HOME AND
SATELLITE SITES
ARE GOING
TO LAUNCH--

WE HAVE
TO GET OUT
OF HERE, WE
HAVE TO HELP
THEM...



...YOU'VE
GOT TO
GET US OUT
OF HERE
NOW!

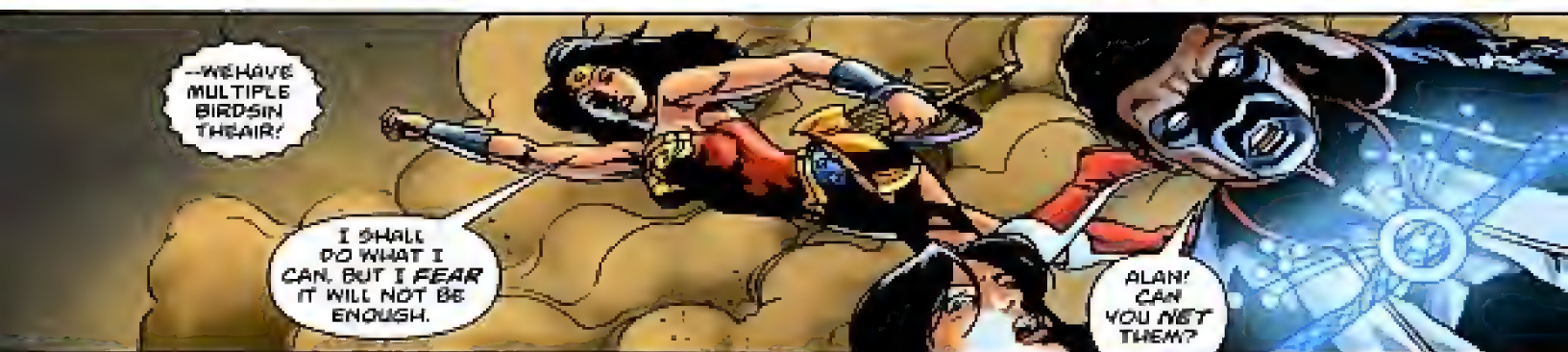
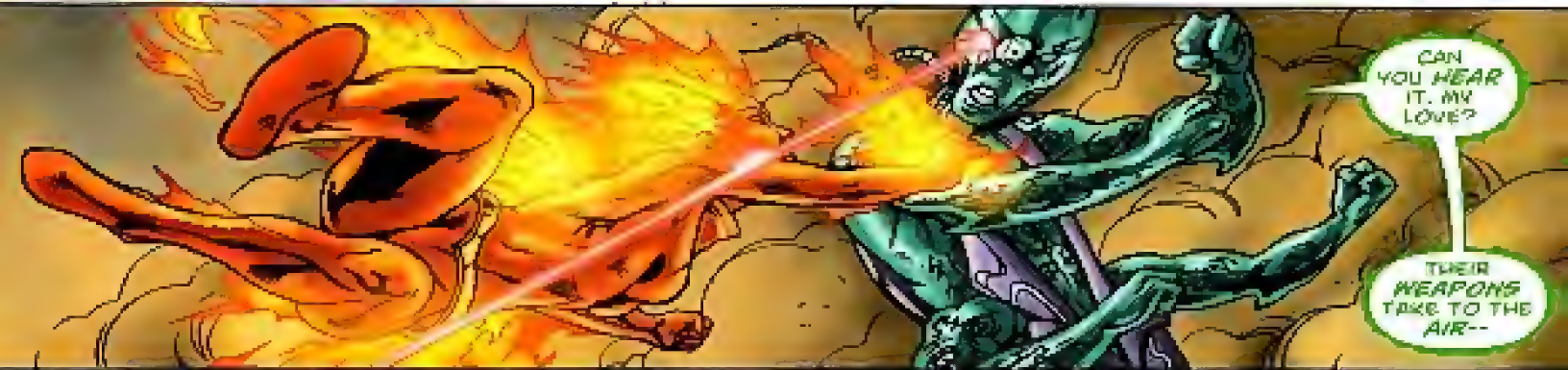
WE CANNOT
BREAK THIS TRAP
ALONE, US.

WE
MUST BE
WHOLE.

THEN
DO IT.

DO IT
NOW.

BECOME
US.





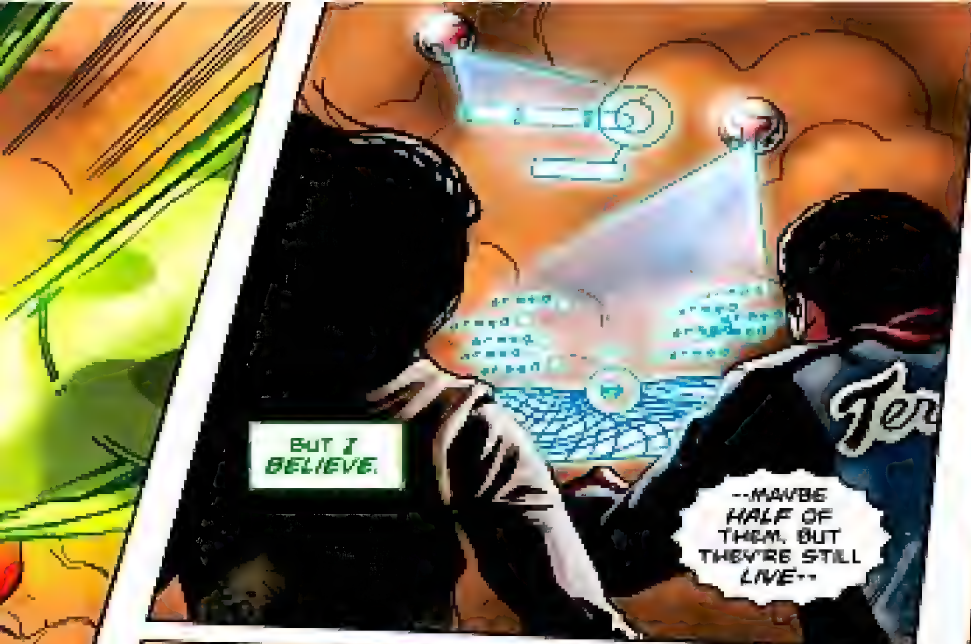
MY HOST IS A
WEAK, PETTY
ANIMAL.

YOUR
FRIENDS
WILL STOP A
HANDFUL, PERHAPS.

BUT
NOT ALL OF
THEM.

HE LACKS FAITH,
CONSUMED INSTEAD
WITH SCHEMES AND
MACHINATIONS,
AMASH IN DREAMS
OF POWER.

NOT
ENOUGH TO
STOP OUR NEW
FATHER'S
FEAST...



BUT I BELIEVE.

--MAYBE HALF OF THEM, BUT THEY'RE STILL LIVE--



I WILL DRAG ALL CREATION BACK TO ITS PROPER COURSE.

DAMMIT, DO SOMETHING!

--IF ANY OF THESE AIR-BURST WE'RE--

I'M TRYING, MS. LANE. IF I CAN FIND THE ABORT CODES--



DISARMED.

DISARMED.

DISARMED.

THAT WORKS.



MY RING'S SAYING THEY'RE ALL DISARMED. WELL DONE, MIKE!

THE ABORT CODES ARE TOP SECRET. EVEN WITH MY RESOURCES, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO ACCESS THEM.

ALAN, THIS WASN'T ME...



I BELIEVE, WHERE THEY ONLY FEAR.

NO, MR. TERRIFIC...

LET THEM STAND
AGAINST ME. LET
THEIR FUTILE
GESTURES OF
DEFIANCE BE
THEIR EPITAPH.

THERE WILL BE
A RECKONING.
THERE WILL BE
JUSTICE.

IT WILL,
AT LONG
LAST, COME
TO AN END.

...IT WAS
ME.

AND I'M
JUST GETTING
STARTED.

TRUTH TO POWER PART 2

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AND NOW...
**CAPTAIN
ATON**



I
REALIZE
NOW...

...IN HINDSIGHT OF EVERYTHING
THAT OCCURRED IN THAT FINAL
SIEGE AND MY FINAL ENCOUNTER
WITH MIRABAI THE FORLORN...

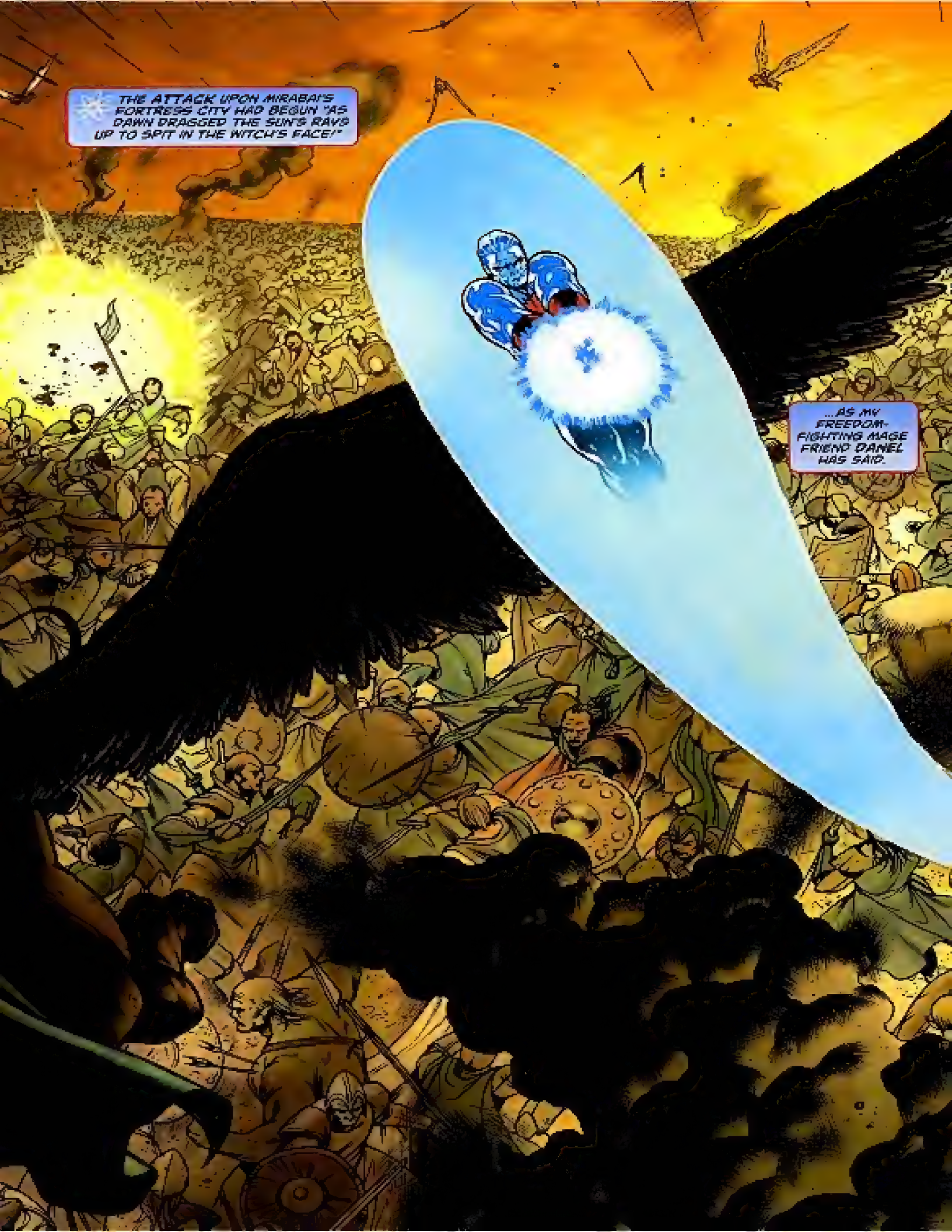
WHY,
CAPTAIN
ATOM, HOW
IMMODEST.

...THAT SHE WAS
NEVER MY TRUE
ENEMY AT ALL.

CAPTAIN ATOM

CHAPTER TEN

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THE ATTACK UPON MIRABA'S
FORTRESS CITY HAD BEGUN "AS
DAWN DRAGGED THE SUN'S RAYS
UP TO SPIT IN THE WITCH'S FACE!"

...AS MY
FREEDOM-
FIGHTING MAGE
FRIEND DANIEL
HAS SAID.



OR "CRACK OF
DAWN," AS I'D
REPLIED, JUST TO
MAKE SURE WE
MEANT THE
SAME THING.

MIRABAI'S
FORCES WERE
DEVASTATING.



BUT
PO WERE
CURE.



AFTER TIME
AND LIVES...

...THOSE MEN...
OUR MEN...
BREACHED
MIRABAI'S CASTLE
DEFENSES.

WITH THE YOUNG MAGE
DANEL, AND HIS OSRE FRIEND
ABGAR, I FLEW INTO
MIRABAI'S SANCTUM EQUAL
PARTS WARY OF THE EVIL
THAT AWAITED ME THERE...



...AND
ALMOST
DRUNK WITH
ANTICIPATION
THAT
I WOULD
SOON
CONFRONT
AND LAY
TO REST
THE LAST
PIECE OF MY
WAYWARD
FAST.

THERE,
CAPTAIN!
MIRABAI!



DANEL!





OH, CAPTAIN, LOOK AT YOU.

MY SOLDIER, MY ARROW, NOW MAN, JUST, ONLY.

I IMAGINED SUCH A FIGHT, SUCH FURY.

INSTEAD, IT TOOK BUT ONE HEX.



HMM.

LANE, I SUPPOSE. YOU SENT BACK TO LANE. PERHAPS HE CAN FIND A WAY TO SALVAGE SOMETHING OF YOUR POWERS SO YOU CAN YET BE OF USE TO ME.



OR PERHAPS I'LL KEEP YOU WEAK AND WORTHLESS...

...A PET, LIKE MY LITTLE ZATARA HERE.



CAPTAIN! LISTEN! THE HEX, IT'S AN ENCHANTMENT OF THE MIND, NOT THE FORM.

YOUR POWER... YOUR SKIN...

...IT'S YOU. HER HEX, YES, BUT THE THING THAT'S YOUR UNDOING HERE...

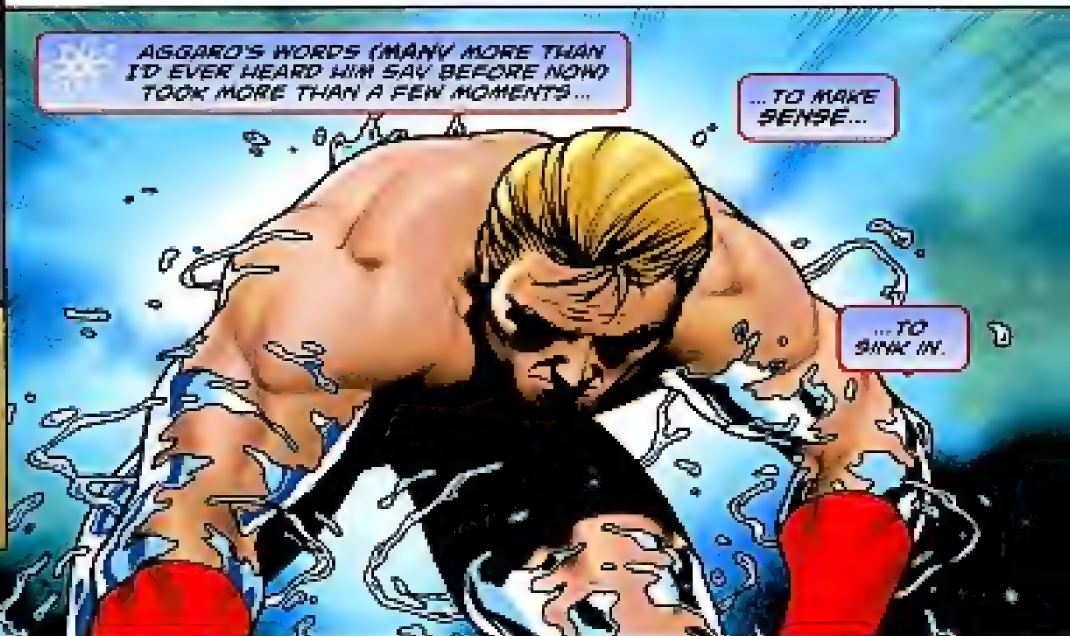


IT'S YOU.



IT'S ALL IN
YOUR HEAD,
CAPTAIN.

IT'S ALL
IN YOU.



ASGARD'S WORDS (MANY MORE THAN
ID EVER HEARD HIM SAY BEFORE NOW)
TOOK MORE THAN A FEW MOMENTS...

...TO MAKE
SENSE...

...TO
SINK IN.



THIS WAS JUST ANOTHER
EXAMPLE... LIKE ALL THE
OTHER DISGRACES AND
DOWNFALLS IN MY PAST
WHERE THE VILLAINY I FACED...
MIRABAI IN THIS INSTANCE...

...WASN'T MY
ENEMY... THE
TRUE ENEMY
I MUST
OVERCOME.

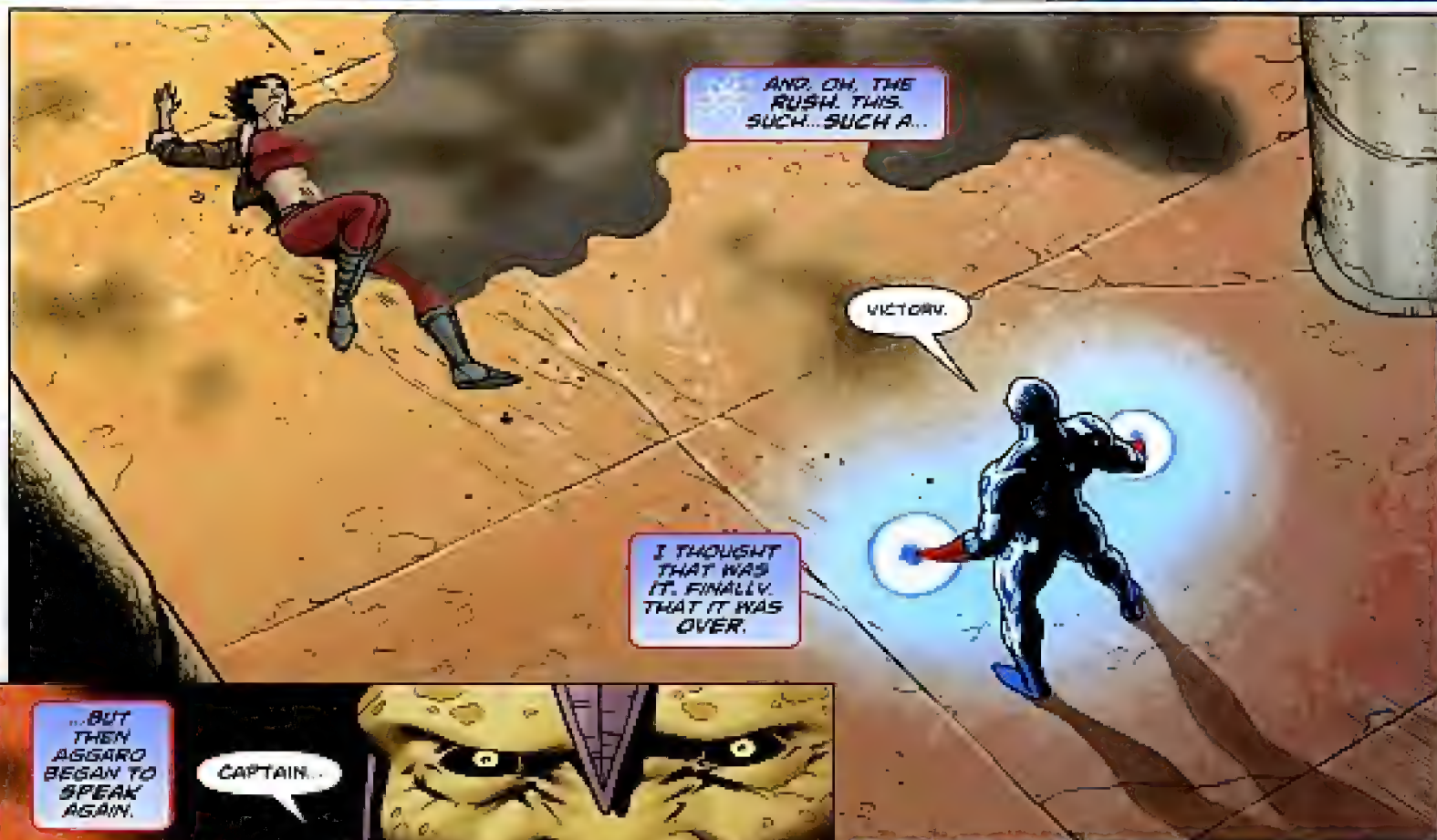
FROM MY PAST
NOW STEMS DOUBT.
SHAME. FEAR. MY
GREATEST FOE THIS
TIME... PERHAPS
EVERY TIME...



...THAT ENEMY
WAS MYSELF.

NO.

YES.



TO BE CONCLUDED...

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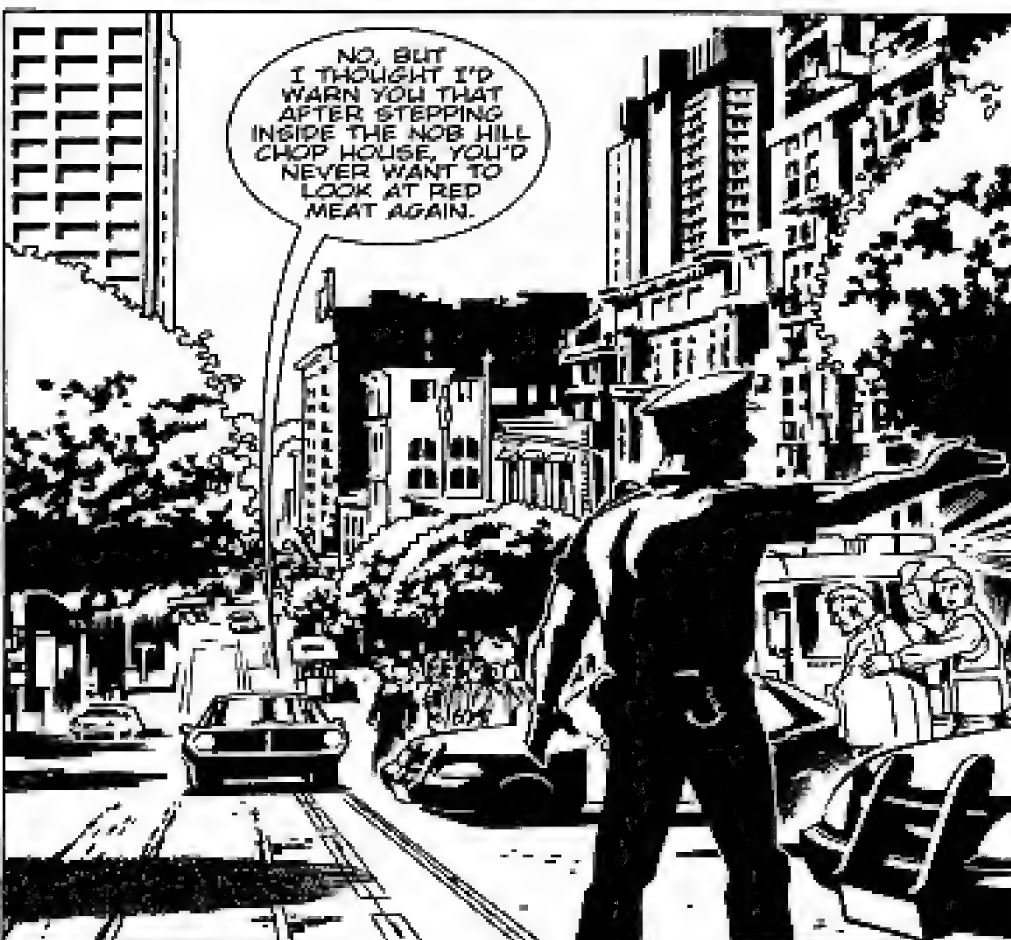
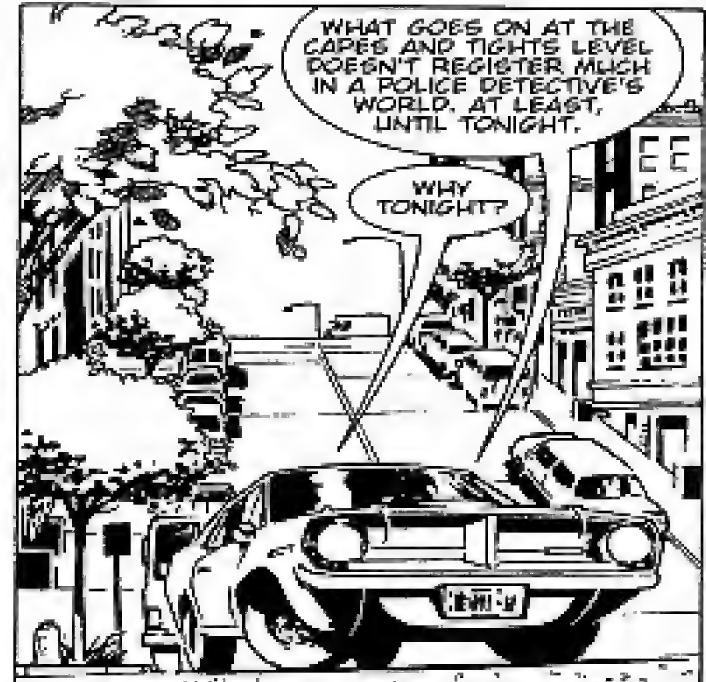
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WELL, DETECTIVE,
YOU CERTAINLY HAVE
A FLAIR FOR
UNDERSTATEMENT.



RECOGNIZE THIS ONE?

HIS PICTURE WAS IN THE CHRONICLE OFTEN ENOUGH. ALBERT DE GECCO, LOCAL DRUG KINGPIN.



HE ONCE OFFERED ME TWO MILLION TO PLAY A PRIVATE PARTY ABOARD HIS YACHT. I TOLD HIM I WAS PRONE TO SEASICKNESS AND SAID NO.



WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF THEM?



HARD TO SAY. MOST OF THEM WERE MYSTICALLY DISPATCHED, AND PRETTY VICIOUSLY.

TRANSFORMED, COMBUSTED, INFESTED...IT'S LIKE THE SPECTRE WENT ON A BENDER.



THE SPECTRE?

BETTER YOU DON'T KNOW.



NO! FOR FAVOR! NO ME MATES!

*NO! PLEASE! DON'T KILL ME!

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DC HISTORY IN YOUR FUTURE!

It's been mentioned here before that Len Wein (ONLY the co-creator of much history in several universes! SWAMP THINGS and >snikts<, anyone?) has embarked on an ambitious project that will illustrate the working history of the entire DC Universe!

The project is DC UNIVERSE: LEGACIES, and it launches next month!

Also mentioned before are the contributions of some impressive legacies themselves - Andy and Joe Kubert - illustrating the first two issues' main segments, which show the birth of the Super Hero from Day One! And since we announced that coup, several other top talents have been added to the mix, so it's time for an update!

Each of the ten issues in this series will begin with two pages drawn by Scott Kolins (an awesome sample of which adorns this very page), setting the stage for the era the issue in hand will be covering! Then on to the main story, and after the Kuberts in issues #1 & #2, Jose Luis Garcia-Lopez takes over #3 & #4 to draw the dawn of the "silver age" of heroes in the DCU! And don't tell anyone... but Dave Gibbons is inking those two amazing issues as I type this report! Talk about Super Team-ups!!!

But wait...there's more!

Len's also written eight-page co-features that spotlight OTHER events of the times represented in each and every issue! So brace yourselves for J.G. Jones's Spectre & Doctor Fate! J.H. Williams's Seven Soldiers of Victory! Dave Gibbons's Sea Devils & Challengers of the Unknown! AND Joe Kubert's War Heroes reunited!

And that's only the first four issues! We'll stop back here periodically to fill you in on the rest of our talent lineup for this series, but suffice it to say: HOLY MOLEY!

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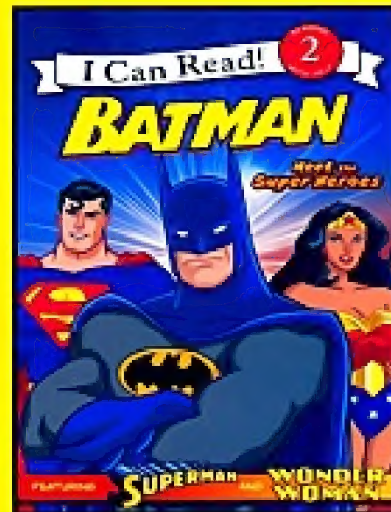
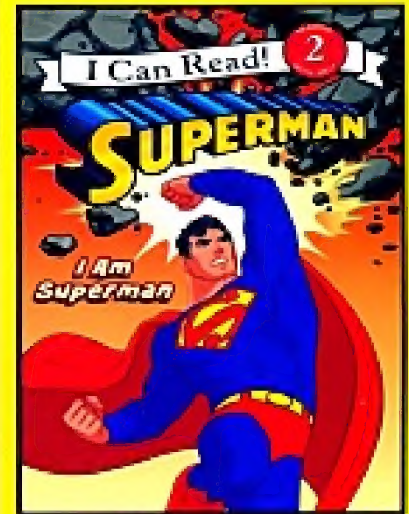
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